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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- Change in Position on County-Advocacy Legislation.
 - County-opposed AB 194 (Campos) related to the Brown Act, would allow members of the public to speak on the same public meeting item more than once and/or without prior notice. The Executive Office of the Board and County Counsel note that while the latest amendments remove the County's original concerns, the new provisions would allow for undue disruptions at public meetings. Therefore, unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the Sacramento Advocates will oppose AB 194 unless amended to remove provisions that would create undue disruptions at public meetings.
- Status of Legislation of County Interest.
 - AB 2389 (Fox) related to the temporary modification of the State's capital investment incentive programs and tax credits for qualified tax payers, was signed by the Governor on July 10, 2014.
 - AB 2419 (Garcia) related to agency shop fee agreements in the County and City of Los Angeles, was vetoed by the Governor on July 18, 2014.

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Change in Position on County-Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 194 (Campos), which as amended on July 1, 2014, would forbid the legislative body of a local agency at their public meetings from prohibiting or limiting comment by a member of the public wishing to speak before the legislative body's consideration of an item, as well as during consideration, including comment by those that fail to provide advance notice of comment.

The Executive Office of the Board and County Counsel note that while the latest amendments to this bill remove the County's original concerns, the new provisions, as broadly written, would allow members of the public to speak on the same item more than once and/or without timely notice, thereby allowing for undue disruptions at public meetings. The Executive Office of the Board and County Counsel report that acceptable amendments would clarify that: 1) members of the public shall be provided the opportunity to comment on an item on the agenda during the legislative body's consideration of the item; and 2) members of the public should provide notice of their desire to comment any time prior to the legislative body's consideration of the item. Therefore, unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the Sacramento advocates will oppose AB 194 unless amended to remove provisions that would create undue disruptions at public meetings.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 2389 (Fox), which as amended on July 2, 2014, would: 1) temporarily modify the State's current capital investment incentive programs, which local governments are authorized to establish; and 2) allow a tax credit to qualified taxpayers based on the amount of qualified wages paid to qualified full-time employees, among other provisions, was signed by the Governor on July 10, 2014, and it is Chapter 116, Statutes of 2014. As an urgency measure, AB 2389 takes effect immediately.

AB 2419 (Garcia), which as amended on March 12, 2014, would authorize the inclusion of management employees in agency shop arrangements in the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles, was vetoed by the Governor on July 18, 2014. In his veto message, the Governor noted that granting agency shop arrangements to managers goes against sound labor-management relations that should require a clear separation between managers and rank and file employees.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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